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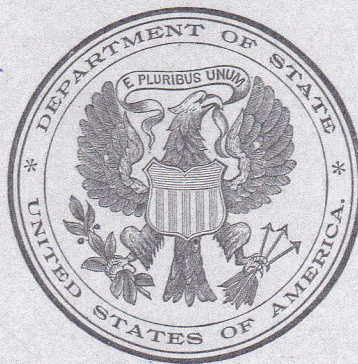
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VOLUME II



WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
1894



ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES;

At the Second Session,

Begun and held at the city of Washington in the territory of  
Columbia, on Monday the twenty-seventh day of

November, one thousand eight  
hundred and nine.

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Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America, in Congress assembled, Two-  
thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following section  
be submitted to the legislatures of the several states, which  
when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the  
states, shall be valid and binding, as a part of the constitu-  
tion of the United States:

If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim,  
receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall, with-  
out the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present,  
pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any  
emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall  
cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be inca-  
pable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or  
either of them.

J. B. VARNUM Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

JOHN GAILLARD President of the Senate  
pro tempore.



I certify that this resolution did originate in the Senate.

Attest

SAM A OTIS

Sec<sup>y</sup>



Council Chamber Annapolis March 29.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith enclosed, an authenticated Copy of An Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at Novem: Session eighteen hundred and ten, ratifying an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

I am with Respect

LEV. WINDER

[ADDRESS.]

Ninian Pinkney

Annapolis Md April 5

Free

The Honorable James Monroe  
Secretary of State of the United States  
Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

Maryl<sup>d</sup>

Amendm<sup>t</sup> of Const<sup>n</sup>

Maryland

Amendment to the Constitution.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified.

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Maryland, Sc<sup>t</sup>

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the



fifth of November, and ended on the twenty fifth of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.

His Excellency Edward Lloyd, Esquire, Governor.

Amongst others the following Law was enacted, to wit:  
N<sup>o</sup> 162. An Act to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas at the second session of the eleventh Congress of the United States, begun and held at the City of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, on monday the twenty seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and nine, it was resolved as followeth, to wit: "Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States, shall be valid and binding as a part of the constitution of the United States:

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain, any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument, of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or Foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid amendment be and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.



By the House of Delegates, December 25. 1810

Read and assented to

By order

JN<sup>o</sup> BREWER clk

By the Senate, December 25. 1810

Read and assented to

By order

THO<sup>s</sup> ROGERS clk

EDW<sup>d</sup> LLOYD

The Great Seal in wax Appendant.

Maryland, Sc<sup>t</sup>

I hereby certify that the foregoing is truly taken from Liber TH. N<sup>o</sup> 3. folios 4 and 5, one of the Law Records of the State of Maryland, belonging to the Office of the Court of appeals for the Western Shore of the said State.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said court of appeals, [SEAL.] this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

TH: HARRIS, Jun. clk C<sup>t</sup> app<sup>ls</sup> W. S.

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IN COUNCIL,

Annapolis, November 16, 1811.

Sir,

In compliance with a Resolution of the General Assembly of this State, we have the Honor to transmit to you, ["r Excellency," stricken out] herewith enclosed, an authenticated Copy of an Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature of Maryland, ratifying an Amendment to the



Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

We are,

With high Consideration and Respect,

Your Obedient Servants,

ROBT BOWIE

The Honorable James Monroe  
Secretary of State of the United States

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Maryland, sct.

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday, the fifth of November, and ended on the twenty-fifth of December, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten—his excellency Edward Lloyd, Esq. Governor—amongst others, the following Law was enacted, to wit:

No. 162. An Act to ratify an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas, at the second Session of the Eleventh Congress of the United States, begun and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and nine, it was resolved, as followeth, to wit:

“RESOLVED, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several states: which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of



the states, shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain, any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a Citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid amendment be, and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.

By the House of Delegates, December 25, 1810.

Read and assented to,

By Order,

JNO. BREWER, Clk.

By the Senate, December 25, 1810.

Read and assented to.

By Order,

THO'S ROGERS, Clk.

EDW<sup>d</sup> LLOYD.

(The Great Seal, in Wax, Appendant.)

MARYLAND, sct.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is truly taken from Liber T. H. No. 3, Folio 4, one of the Law Records of the State of Maryland, belonging to the Office of the Court of Appeals, for the Western Shore of the said State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my Name, and affix the Seal of the said Court of Appeals, this sixteenth Day of November, in the  
[SEAL.] Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred



and Eleven; and in the Thirty-Sixth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

TH: HARRIS, Jun. clk C<sup>t</sup> App<sup>ls</sup>

[INDORSEMENT.]

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified by M<sup>d</sup>  
notice of amendm<sup>t</sup> of constitution by State of Maryland—



STATE OF KENTUCKY,

FRANKFORT, FEBRUARY 9th, 1811.

SIR,

PURSUANT to the duty enjoined on me, I have the honor to transmit to you, the enclosed resolution passed by the Legislature of this state, at their last session.

I am, with considerations of high respect,

Your most obedient servant,

CH<sup>s</sup> SCOTT

[ADDRESS.]

Frankfort K. |  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> |

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The Honorable

The Speaker of the

Senate U. S. Congress

City Washington

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STATE OF KENTUCKY.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 29, 1811.

THE General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, have taken under consideration, the section submitted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, as an amendment to the constitution of <sup>the</sup> United States, proposing, that,



"If any citizen of the United States, shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince, or foreign power; such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

WHEREUPON, resolved, that the assent of the state of Kentucky, be, and it is, by the Legislature thereof, hereby given to the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and on the part of the said state of Kentucky, it is assented, that the said section be adopted, and shall be valid and binding, as a part of the Constitution of the United States, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the states.

RESOLVED, That the Governor of this Commonwealth, be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Governor of each of the states.

(Signed) JOHN SIMPSON

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved, 31st January, 1811.

CHARLES SCOTT,  
*Governor.*

By the Governor,

J. BLEDSOE,  
*Secretary.*



## SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Frankfort, 9th February, 1811.*

I Certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an enrolled resolution in this office.

*Teste,* J: BLEDSOE *Secretary.*

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In Senate of the United States,  
1811 February 20<sup>th</sup>

The President communicated a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky approving the amendment to the constitution respecting titles of nobility, which was read; and

Ordered, That it be transmitted to the office of the Secretary for the department of state.

Attest

SAM A OTIS Secretary.

[INDORSEMENT.]

Kentucky  
Amendment to the Constitution.  
13<sup>th</sup> art. ratified.



WHEREAS His Excellency the Governor of this State, has laid before this General Assembly, a RESOLUTION passed by the Congress of the United States, in the words following, to wit:—

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, two thirds of both houses concurring,* That the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the states, shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States:—

If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain, any title of nobility or honor, or shall, without consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them—

THEREFORE,

*Resolved unanimously by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That the foregoing amendment, proposed by congress, to the constitution of the United States, be, and the same is hereby (on the part of this state) agreed to, ratified and confirmed.

*Resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Represent-



atives, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Governors of the several states.

EDWARD TIFFIN, *Speaker*

*Of the House of Representatives.*

*Attest*—R. OSBORN, Clk. H. R.

THOS. KIRKER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

*Attest*—CARLOS A. NORTON, Clk. Senate.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,

ZANESVILLE, *January 31st, 1811.*

I CERTIFY the foregoing Resolution to be a correct copy of the original, remaining on file in this office.

JER. M<sup>C</sup>LANE, *Secretary of the State of Ohio.*

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Zanesville (Ohio)

Jan<sup>y</sup> 31—1811

Sir

In compliance with the Request of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, I transmit the preceding Resolution

and am with great Respect

your Ob<sup>t</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS

The President of the  
Senate of the United States }

[ADDRESS.]

The President of the Senate  
of the United States—



In Senate of the United States.

1811 February 11<sup>th</sup>

The Letter from the Governor of the State of Ohio addressed to the President of the Senate, transmitting a Resolution of the General Assembly of said state, approving the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the Congress thereof, respecting titles of Nobility, was read; And

Resolved, That the secretary transmit the said letter and resolution to the secretary for the department of State.

Attest.

SAM A OTIS Secretary.

[ADDRESS.]

The Secretary  
for the department  
of State

[INDORSEMENT.]

Ohio.

Amendment to the Constitution.

13<sup>th</sup> art ratified.



Sir

Geo. Town

29. Aug<sup>t</sup> 1814

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> was received by the Governor, And Agreeably to the Orders of his Excellency I have the Honor herewith to enclose a Copy of the Proceedings of the Legislature on the Subject of the Amendment of the Constitution of the U. S. as by you requested. And have the

Honor to be

Your Most humble S<sup>t</sup>

P. ROBINSON

Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.

[ADDRESS.]

Geo Town Del

Free

August 30<sup>th</sup>

The Honourable

James Monroe

Secretary of State

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

M<sup>r</sup> Graham

29<sup>th</sup> August 1814

The Secretary of the State of Delaware transmits the proceedings of the Legislature approving of the amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified.



In the House of Representatives  
of the State of Delaware  
February 1<sup>st</sup> 1811.

*Resolved* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the constitution of the United States proposed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled is hereby approved and ratified by the General Assembly of this State: that is to say, "If any citizen of the United States shall  
"accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour,  
"or shall without the consent of Congress accept and retain  
"any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind  
"whatever from any Emperor, king, prince or foreign  
"power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United  
"States and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust  
"or profit under them or either of them."

Resolved further by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Executives of the several States in the United States and to the Secretary of State of the United States.

Read and adopted.

MOLTON C. ROGERS Clerk.

In Senate February 1<sup>st</sup> 1811. Read.

February 2<sup>d</sup> read again and concurred in.

A. L. HAYES Clerk.

Dover August 3<sup>d</sup> 1814.

I do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original



resolution with the endorsements thereon now remaining on the files of the House of Representatives.

J. GORDON BRINCKLÉ Clerk of the  
House of Representatives of  
the State of Delaware.

Secretary's office George Town  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1814.

The foregoing Resolutions & proceedings of the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, are a true Copy from the Journals of the said Senate & House of Representatives, deposited in my office pursuant to Law.

PETER ROBINSON  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of State.



Lancaster February 11<sup>th</sup> 1811

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to You an exemplified copy of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to ratify on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to titles of Nobility or honor, presents, pensions, offices & emoluments from any foreign power"—

With high consideration & respect Sir

Your Ob<sup>t</sup> S<sup>vt</sup>

SIMON SNYDER

James Madison

President of the United States

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark:] Lancaster Feb 11

Free

James Madison

President of the United States

Mail

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

Pennsylvania

Governor Snyder

enclosing an exemplified Copy of an Amendment to the Constitution.

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An Act to ratify on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United



States relative to titles of nobility or honor, presents, pensions Offices and emoluments from any foreign power.—

Section, 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress of the United States, in the mode prescribed by the fifth Article of the Constitution Viz<sup>t</sup> “If any citizen of the United States “shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of Nobility or “honor, or shall without the consent of Congress accept, and “retain, any present, pension, Office or emolument of any “kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince or foreign “power, such person shall cease to be a Citizen of the “United, and shall be incapable of holding any Office of “trust or profit under them or either of them,” be and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, to become, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United States.—

JOHN WEBER Speaker of the House  
of Representatives

P. C. LANE Speaker of the Senate.—

Approved the sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and eleven.—

SIMON SNYDER.

Secretary's Office

Lancaster, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1811.

I hereby Certify the foregoing, to be a true Copy of the original law now remaining in this Office.

Witness my hand & Seal

N. B. BOILEAU Sec<sup>y</sup> [SEAL.]



Lancaster, (Pennsylvania) February 27th, 1811.

SIR,

I herewith transmit to you a copy of an act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, ratifying on their part, an amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States.

Very respectfully, sir, your obt. svt.

SIMON SNYDER

The Speaker of the Senate }  
of the United States }

An ACT to ratify on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, a proposed amendment of the constitution of the United States, relative to titles of nobility or honor, presents, pensions, offices and emoluments from any foreign power.

SECT. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That the following amendment of the constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress of the United States, in the mode prescribed by the fifth article of the constitution, viz. "If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever from any emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them," be, and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania to become, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of



the several states, part of the constitution of the United States.

JOHN WEBER,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE,  
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the sixth day of February, |  
one thousand eight hundred and eleven. |

SIMON SNYDER.

*Secretary's Office, Lancaster, February 27th, 1811.*

I certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original remaining among the original rolls in this office.

N. B. BOILEAU Secretary of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

[ADDRESS.]

On public service.

[Postmark:] Lancaster Feb. 28.

Free

The Hon: George Clinton

President of the Senate of the United States

at

New York ["Washington" stricken out.]

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New York 13<sup>th</sup> March 1811

Sir

The enclosed Copy of an Act of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania ratifying an Amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States was forwarded to me at this Place after I had left the Senate, and I now take



the liberty of transmitting it to you to be deposited in the  
Office of the Department of State which if my recollection  
serves me is the usual Course

I am with great respect & Esteem

Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

GEO: CLINTON

The hon<sup>ble</sup>

Robert Smith Esquire Sec<sup>y</sup> of State

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark:] New York 15 Mar

Free

The hon<sup>ble</sup>

Robert Smith Esquire Secretary of State

Washington City

[INDORSEMENT.]

Pennsylvania.

Amendment to the Constitution.

Ratified

13<sup>th</sup> article.

Pennsylvania

Rec<sup>d</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> March



State of New. Jersey.

Trenton Janry 19<sup>th</sup> 1811.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge reception of your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> curr<sup>t</sup> with copy of a resolution, of the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States, proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and which shall be immediately submitted to the Legislature of New-Jersey, now in Session.

I am, Sir,

very respectfully,

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

The Honorable

Robert Smith, Esq. Secretary of State &c.

[INDORSEMENT.]

Gov<sup>r</sup> Bloomfield

19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>

has received a Copy of the Resolution of Congress, proposing an amendment. to the Constitution; will submit it to the Legislature.

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State of New-Jersey.

Trenton 18: February 1811.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit an Act of the Legislature of



the State of New-Jersey, entitled "An Act to ratify an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States"—

I am, very respectfully

Your mo obed Servt

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

The Honourable

Robert Smith Esq

Secretary Department of State.

[INDORSEMENT.]

New Jersey.

13<sup>th</sup> Amend<sup>t</sup>

*ratified*

State of New Jersey

An Act to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

I Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, to the Legislatures of the several States; which proposed amendment is in the following words, viz.

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept,  
"claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or  
"shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain  
"any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind  
"whatever, from any emperor king, prince or foreign



"power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the  
 "United States and shall be incapable of holding any  
 "office of trust or profit under them or either of them"

Be and the same is hereby, upon the part of this Legislature, and in the name of this State, ratified and made a part of the Constitution of the United States.

House of Assembly February 11. 1811. This bill having been three times read and compared in this House.

Resolved That the same do pass. By order of the House

W<sup>m</sup> KENNEDY Speaker

Council Chamber Feb: 13. 1811. This bill having been three times read and compared;

Resolved That the same do pass. By order of Council

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD

President

I James Linn Secretary of the State of New Jersey Do certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of a law of the Legislature of said State, filed in the Office of said Secretary.

Witness my hand the eighteenth day of February in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

JAMES LINN

State of New Jersey ss:

Joseph Bloomfield Governor of the State of New Jersey.

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Know Ye, That the name "James Linn" subscribed to the foregoing certificate, is the proper handwriting of James Linn, who was at the time of subscribing the same and now is the Secretary in and for the aforesaid State—Therefore due faith and credit is and ought to be given to his proceedings and certificates as such



In testimony whereof the Great Seal of the State is  
hereunto affixed Witness the hand of the said Gov-  
[SEAL.] ernor at Trenton, the eighteenth day of February  
in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hun-  
dred and eleven.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD

By the Governor

JAMES LINN

Secretary

[INDORSEMENT.]

New Jersey.

Amendment to the Constitution.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified.



State of Vermont—

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OCT. 22, 1811.

WHEREAS, his Excellency the Governor has communicated to this house, a resolution, passed by the Congress of the United States, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit:

“If any citizen of the United States, shall accept, claim, receive, or retain, any title of nobility or honor, or shall, without consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them.”

THEREFORE,

*Resolved*, the Governor and Council concurring herein, That the foregoing amendment proposed by Congress, as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby (on the part of this State) agreed to, ratified, and confirmed. Also,

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of our Senators, and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Governors of the several States in the union.

Attest. WM. D. SMITH, *Clerk*.



IN COUNCIL, *October 24, 1811.*

Read and concurred.

Attest.                      ROLLIN C. MALLARY, Sec'y.

A true copy.

Attest.    TH LEVERETT    Sec'y of State.

State of Vermont Shaftsbury Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1811

Sir,

In Compliance with the request of the General Assembly of this State, I transmit to you the foregoing resolution, ratifying & confirming on the part of this State a certain proposal of amendment to the Constitution of the United States made by Congress at their last Session—

With great respect, I am

Sir, your obedient servant

JONAS GALUSHA

The Hon<sup>d</sup> The President of the Senate  
of the United States

[ADDRESS.]

*Free*

Hon. The President of the Senate  
of the United States  
Washington—

[INDORSEMENT.]

12 Cong. }  
1 Sess. } L

Resolution of the legislature of the State of Vermont con-



firming on the part of that State the resolution respecting titles of nobility.

Decem<sup>r</sup> 19th 1811 Read

Vermont

Amendment to the Constitution

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified.



Knoxville Nov<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1811

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, on the subject of certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as proposed by the legislatures of Massachusetts, of Pennsylvania, of Virginia and by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled—And have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your Ob<sup>t</sup> Servant

WILLIE BLOUNT

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

James Monroe

Sec<sup>y</sup> State United States

[INDORSEMENT.]

Tennessee.

Amendments to the Constitution.

13<sup>th</sup> art. ratified.

Tennessee

amendment to the Constitution

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STATE OF TENNESSEE,

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 21, 1811.

*Resolved,* That this General Assembly, do disapprove of



and dissent from the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, June 19th, 1809, that no law shall be enacted for laying an embargo, or for prohibiting commerce for a longer period than until the expiration of thirty days, from the commencement of the session of Congress next, succeeding that session, in which such law shall have been enacted.

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do disapprove of & dissent from the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the State of Virginia, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1808 "that the senators in the Congress of the United States, may be removed from office, by the vote of a majority of the whole number of members of the respective state legislatures, by which the said senators have been or may be elected.

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do disapprove of and dissent from the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as proposed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, April the 3d, 1809, "that an impartial tribunal may be established to determine disputes between the General and the states Government."

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do approve of and agree to the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the senate & House of Representatives, of the Congress of the United States, "that if any Citizen of the United States, shall accept claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatsoever, from any emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable



of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them."

*Resolved*, That the executive of this state be requested to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the executives of the several states, and also to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Attest

J. PECK C H R

JOHN ANDERSON Ck  
of the Senate

JOHN COCKE

Speaker of the house  
of Representatives.

THO<sup>s</sup> HENDERSON

Speaker of the Senate

# STATE OF TENNESSEE,

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NOVEMBER 21, 1811.

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do disapprove of and dissent from the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the state of Massachusetts, June 19th, 1809, that no law shall be enacted for laying an embargo, or for prohibiting commerce for a longer period than until the expiration of thirty days, from the commencement of the session of Congress next, succeeding that session, in which such law shall have been enacted.

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do <sup>dis</sup>approve <sup>of</sup> and dissent from the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the State of Virginia, on the 13th day of January, 1808 "that the senators in the Congress of the United States, may be removed from office, by the vote of a majority of the whole number of members of the respective state legislatures, by which the said senators have been or may be elected.



*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do disapprove of and dissent from the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as proposed by the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, April the 3d 1809, "that an impartial tribunal may be established to determine disputes between the General and the states Government."

*Resolved*, That this General Assembly, do approve of and agree to the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the senate & House of Representatives, of the Congress of the United States, "that if any Citizen of the United States, shall accept claims, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatsoever, from any emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them."

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THO<sup>s</sup> HENDERSON  
Speaker of the Senate

[INDORSEMENT.]

12<sup>th</sup> Cong. }  
1<sup>st</sup> Sess. } L.

Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, rela-



tive to resolutions amendatory of the constitution of U S.

1811 Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>

Read.—

Proceedings of Legislature of the State of Tennessee, relative  
to resolutions amendatory of Constitution of the U. States—



*Executive Department, GEORGIA.*

MILLEDGEVILLE, 4th January, 1812.

SIR,

In compliance with a resolution of the General Assembly of this State, I have the honor to transmit you a copy of a resolution passed by them at their last Session, ratifying and confirming an amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States.

I am sir,

with high consideration and respect

your very obedient servant

D: B: MITCHELL

The Honble.

The President of the Senate  
of the United States

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STATE OF GEORGIA,

*In Senate, 22nd November, 1811.*

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor of this State has laid before this General Assembly, a Resolution passed by the Congress of the United States in the words following to wit:

*"Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legisla-



tures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States."

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince, or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them."

*Be it unanimously Resolved*, by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, that the foregoing amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be, and the same is hereby, on the part of this State, agreed to, ratified and confirmed.

*And be it further Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Resolution to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Governors of the several States.

Read and agreed to unanimously.

MATHEW TALBOT,

*President of the Senate.*

ATTTEST,

*William Robertson, Sec'ry.*

In the House of Representatives—Read and concurred in

ROBERT IVERSON,

*Speaker.*



ATTEST,

*Hines Holt, Cl'k.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, GEORGIA.

Approved, 13th December, 1811.

DAVID B. MITCHELL, *Governor.*

ATTEST,

*Anthony Porter, Sec'ry.**Office of Secretary of State,*

Milledgeville Georgia, 4th January, 1812.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution is truly copied  
from the original now of file in this office, with the Great  
Seal of the State affixed thereto.

AB<sup>R</sup> HAMMOND Secretary.

[ADDRESS.]

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The Honble

The President of the Senate

of the United States

Washington City

[INDORSEMENT.]

Resolution of the Legislature of Georgia concurring in  
the proposed amendment to the Constitution, respecting  
titles of nobility.

*Executive Department, GEORGIA.*

MILLEDGEVILLE, 4th January, 1812.

SIR,

In compliance with a resolution of the General Assembly  
of this State, I have the honor to transmit you a copy of a



resolution passed by them at their last Session, ratifying and confirming an amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States.

I am sir,

with high consideration and respect

your very obedient servant

D: B: MITCHELL

The Honble.

James Monroe

Secretary of State

of the United States

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STATE OF GEORGIA,

*In Senate, 22nd November, 1811.*

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor of this State has laid before this General Assembly, a Resolution passed by the Congress of the United States in the words following to wit:

“*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States.”

“If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince, or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be



incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them."

*Be it unanimously Resolved*, By the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, that the foregoing amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be, and the same is hereby, on the part of this State, agreed to, ratified and confirmed.

*And be it further Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Resolution to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Governors of the several States.

Read and agreed to unanimously.

MATHEW TALBOT,  
*President of the Senate.*

ATTEST,

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In the House of Representatives—Read and concurred in

ROBERT IVERSON,  
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ATTTEST,

*Hines Holt, Cl'k.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, GEORGIA.

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution is truly copied



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AB<sup>R</sup> HAMMOND Secretary

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark.]

Free

The Honorable

James Monroe,

Secretary of State United States,

Washington.

[INDORSEMENT.]

Georgia.

Governor of Georgia

4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1812

Amendment to Constitution

In Senate of the United States

1812, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Resolved, That the secretary of the Senate, transmit to the Secretary for the department of State, the Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, ratifying and confirming an amendment proposed by Congress to the constitution of the United States, respecting titles of Nobility, together with the resolutions of the Legislatures of such other States as have ratified the same.

Attest

SAM<sup>L</sup> A. OTIS Secretary.



[ADDRESS.]

The Secretary  
for the department of State

[INDORSEMENT.]

1<sup>st</sup> Session. 12<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Resolution of the Senate of the United States.  
Transmitting to the Department of State, the Resolution of  
the Legislature of Georgia, ratifying and confirming an  
amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the  
United States respecting titles of Nobility. together with  
resolutions of other Legislatures.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified

Note of States adopting amendmt to Constitution



RALEIGH, (N. CAROLINA) JANUARY 14. 1812.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, an authenticated copy of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

I have the honour to be, with consideration and respect,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HAWKINS

James Madison Esq<sup>r</sup>

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An Act

To Ratify on behalf of the State of North-Carolina, a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States, relative to titles of nobility or honour, presents, pensions, offices or emoluments from any Foreign Power.

*BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the following amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress of the United States, in the manner prescribed by the fifth article of the Constitution, viz. "If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept



and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatsoever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them," be, and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the State of North-Carolina, to become when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United States.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, |  
the 23d day of December, A. D. 1811. |

J. RIDDICK, Speaker of the Senate

J. STEELE, Speaker of the House of Representatives

A true copy from the original as filed in my office,

W<sup>M</sup> HILL Secretary of State.

[ADDRESS.]

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Free

James Madison Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of the United States

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

North Carolina

Amendment to the Constitution.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. ratified.

RALEIGH, (N. CAROLINA) JANUARY 14, 1812.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, an



authenticated copy of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.

I have the honour to be, with consideration and respect,  
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Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HAWKINS

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jesse Franklin Esq<sup>r</sup>

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*BE IT enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the following amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress of the United States, in the manner prescribed by the fifth article of the Constitution, viz. "If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatsoever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them," be, and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of the State of North-Carolina, to



become when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths  
of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United  
States.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, {  
the 23d day of December, A. D. 1811 }

J. RIDDICK, Speaker of the Senate.

J. STEELE, Speaker of the House of Representatives

A true copy from the original as filed in my office,

W<sup>M</sup> HILL Secretary of State

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark:] Ralh N. C. Jan 17

Free

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jesse Franklin Esq<sup>r</sup>

Senator in Congress

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

12 Cong. }  
1 Sess. } L

Letter from the governor of North Carolina transmitting an  
authenticated copy of the act of that state, ratifying the  
amendment to the Constitution proposed by Congress.—

1812 Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>

Read.



State of New-Hampshire.

In the House of Representatives, Dec. 9, 1812.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor of this State has laid before the General Court a Resolution, passed by the Congress of the United States, in the words following ..... to wit:

*'Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following SECTION be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States'—*

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain, any title of nobility or honor; or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument, of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince, or Foreign Power; such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

Therefore,

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened, That the foregoing amendment, proposed by Congress, to the Constitution of the United States, be, and the same is hereby, on the part of this State, agreed to, ratified, and confirmed.*



*And be it further Resolved,* That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Resolution to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Governors of the several States.

Sent up for concurrence

CLEMENT STORER, Speaker.

In Senate, December 9, 1812.

Read and concurred.

JOSHUA DARLING, President.

December 10, 1812.

By the Governor approved.

WILLIAM PLUMER.

A true copy.

Attest..... SAM<sup>L</sup> SPARHAWK Sec<sup>ry</sup>

New-Hampshire.

Executive Department.

Concord, Decem<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1812

Sir,

I have the honor of herewith transmitting to you a Resolution of the Legislature of this State, agreeing to an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as proposed by the Congress thereof.

I am, respectfully, Sir,

your most obedient,

WILLIAM PLUMER

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> William H. Crawford Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of the Senate of the United States



[ADDRESS.]

Free

Hon<sup>l</sup> William H. Crawford Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of the Senate U. S.

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

13th Art. ratified by

New Hampshire

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In Senate of the U. S.

December 21. 1812

The President communicated a letter from the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, transmitting a copy of the resolution passed by the Legislature of that state, ratifying and confirming an amendment proposed by Congress to the constitution of the United States, relative to titles of nobility.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit them to the Secretary for the Department of State.

Attest

SAM A. OTIS Sec<sup>y</sup>



New York May 8<sup>th</sup> 1813

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a communication from the Clerk of the Senate of this State, by which it will appear that the Senate on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1812 rejected the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Congress of the United States. It is owing to gross negligence in the clerk of Senate that I was not notified of their determination upon the subject untill yesterday.

I have the honor to be with

great respect, Sir, your ob. Serv<sup>t</sup>

DANIEL D. TOMPKINS

The Honorable James Monroe

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Albany May 1<sup>st</sup> 1813.

Sir

By a resolution of the Hon<sup>l</sup> the Senate of this State of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April last I am directed to inform Your Excellency That the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States mentioned in the letter from the Secretary of State accompanying Your Excellency's Message of the 1<sup>st</sup> April then instant, was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1812 rejected by the Senate.

I have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's Most Ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

S VISSCHER

Clerk of the Senate

His Excellency D. D. Tompkins.



[INDORSEMENT.]

8. May 1813.

Governor Tompkins.

Rejection of the proposed amendment to the Constitution by  
the Legislature of the State of New York.

13<sup>th</sup> Art. rejected



Sharon (Con.) 22. April 1813—

Sir

Immediately after the receipt of your letter of the 23. ultimo I forwarded to the Secretary of this State directions to examine the records of the Legislature, for its decision on the proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, to which you refer. His answer I have this day received; by which it appears that at the May Session AD 1811 the Chief Magistrate, then in office, submitted the proposition in question to the consideration of the General Assembly, but that no final opinion upon its merits has as yet been expressed by that honourable body.

The Legislature will convene early in the next month; at which time your communication will be laid before them—

With great respect I have the honour  
to be Sir your obedient and  
very humble servant

JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Honourable The Secretary of State &c

[ADDRESS.]

Free

The Honourable

James Monroe

Secretary of State

Washington—



[INDORSEMENT.]

22 April 1813.

John C. Smith Lieu<sup>t</sup> Govern  
relative to amendment of the Constitution

*Connecticut.*Not *ratified*.Connecticut relative to amendmt of const<sup>n</sup>

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford in said State, on the second Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

[SEAL.] Whereas his Excellency the Governour, has laid before this Assembly a resolution passed by the Congress of the United States, in the words following, viz. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, ["that" stricken out] two thirds of both houses concurring, that the following Section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States, shall be valid and binding as a part of the constitution of the United States;

If any citizen of the United States, shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever from any Emperour, King, Prince or foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."



Resolved by this Assembly, That this Assembly do not ratify the foregoing amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, and the same on the part of this State, is not ratified.

And be it further Resolved, that his Excellency the Governour be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

A true copy of record,

Examined by

THOMAS DAY, Secretary.

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At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut  
holden at Hartford in said state on the Second  
[SEAL.] Thursday of may One thousand eight hundred and  
Thirteen.

Whereas his Excellency the Governour has laid before this Assembly a resolution passed by the Congress of the United States in the words following—Viz—

Resolved by the senate and house of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both houses concurring that the following Section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States which when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States, shall be valid,—and binding, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.—

“If any citizen of the United States shall accept claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour or shall without the consent of Congress accept or retain any



Pension, Office, or emolument of any kind whatever from any Emperour, King Prince or Foreign Power such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them.

“Resolved by this Assembly, That this Assembly do not ratify the foregoing amendment proposed by congress to the Constitution of the United States, and the same on the part of this State is not ratified.—

And be it further Resolved—That his Excellency the Governour be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.—

I Thomas Day Secretary of the State of Connecticut do hereby certify and make known that the above and foregoing is a true Copy of Record. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of said State at the City of Hartford this twenty-ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

THOMAS DAY

[INDORSEMENT.]

Resolution of the State of Connecticut

May 1813

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At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford, in said State, on the second thursday of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen



Whereas his Excellency the Governour has laid before this Assembly a resolution passed by the Congress of the United States, in the words following, viz, "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several states, which when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States."

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument, of any kind whatever, from any Emporour, King, Prince, or Foreign Power; such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them or either of them."

Resolved by this Assembly, That this Assembly do not ratify the foregoing amendment proposed by Congress, to the Constitution of the United States, and the same on the part of this State, is not ratified.

And be it further Resolved, That His Excellency the Governour be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

I Thomas Day Secretary of the State of Connecticut do hereby certify and make known that the [SEAL.] above and foregoing is a true Copy of record.

In faith whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of this State the twelfth day of



August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fourteen.

THOMAS DAY

State of Connecticut:

Secretary's Office, Jan<sup>y</sup> 22. 1818.

Sir,

By direction of His Excellency Governour Wolcott, I  
transmit to you the enclosed exemplification; and am,

With great respect,

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

THOMAS DAY

Hon. J. Q. Adams, }  
Secretary of State. }

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark:] Hartford Jan 23

Free

Hon. John Q. Adams,

Secretary of State,

Washington City

[INDORSEMENT.]

Connecticut does not ratify the 13<sup>th</sup> Art. of amendments  
to the Constitution of the U. S.



Executive Department—S. C.

Charleston—October 27<sup>th</sup> 1814

Sir

In answer to your enquiry relative to the decision of South Carolina upon the amendment of the Federal Constitution, proposed by Congress in 1811, I have now the honor to transmit you copies of the proceedings of the two branches of our Legislature<sup>up</sup> on that subject. From these you will perceive that the question of adoption or rejection, on the proposed amendment, has never been taken by this State

I have the honor to be, sir

very respectfully

y<sup>r</sup> Ob<sup>t</sup> &c

JOS: ALSTON

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Sec<sup>y</sup> of State

[INDORSEMENT.]

27. Oct. 1814.

Governor of South Carolina transmitting copies of the Proceedings of the State Legislature, relative to the amendment proposed by Congress to the Federal Constitution.

Not finally acted upon.

13<sup>th</sup>

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An Extract from the Journals of the Senate, Nov<sup>r</sup> 1811.  
Nov. 26.

The House then read the Resolution of the Congress of



the United States, which accompanied the Message of his Excellency the Governor, proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States—

Ordered

That the same be referred to a Committee

And a Committee was appointed accordingly i e,

Col Mays

M<sup>r</sup> Du Bose

M<sup>r</sup> Reid—

Nov<sup>r</sup> 28.

Col Mays from the Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Congress of the United States submitted a report.

Ordered

That the same be taken into consideration to Morrow Nov. 29. The House then took into consideration the Report of the Committee of the Senate to whom was referred the Resolution of the Congress of the United States proposing an Amendment to the Federal Constitution in the words following

Resolved By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled two thirds of both Houses concurring that the following Section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States which when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the States shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States—Viz: If any Citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any Title of Nobility, or Honour, or shall without the consent of Congress accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever from any Emperor, King, Prince or foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a Citizen of the United



States and shall be incapable of holding any office of Trust or Profit under them or either of them"—beg leave to Report,

That they have duly considered the foregoing Resolution and are of opinion it ought to become a part of the Constitution of the United States—Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend to the Senate to concur in the adoption of the said Resolution, and when it may be agreed to and concurred in by three fourths of the Legislatures of the several States, that it may become a part of the Constitution of the United States of America—

The House having considered the Report agreed thereto.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the Report—

Ordered, That the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

By order of the Senate.

Office of Clerk of the Senate, Col<sup>a</sup> Sept. 1—1814

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct extract from the Journals of the Senate of every thing which appertains to the above mentioned Resolution.

JOHN MURPHY C. S.

[INDORSEMENT.]

Rec'd in Governor Alston's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1814

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In the House of Representatives

Dec<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1813.

The following report was made (viz)

"The Committee to whom was referred a Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. recom-



mending an alteration & amendment of the Constitution, passed by the Congress of the U. S. on the        of  
respectfully Report.

That the resolution referred to them was originally presented to the last Legislature and referred by them to a Select Committee who reported thereon—That the report of that Select Committee & the resolution were several times taken up and Considered by the House and ultimately postponed on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1811 without their coming to any final decision in regard to them—

That the aforesaid Resolution was again brought to the view of the Legislature at the late September Session by a Message of his Excellency the Governour N<sup>o</sup> 2 reminding them that no decision had been made thereon and enclosing a Resolve of the State of New-Hampshire approving and adopting the same—

That at the September Session a Committee was appointed to examine the Journals & report the proceedings of the preceding Legislature in the Case; & that the report made by it & the Resolution of Congress were ordered to lie on the table, and not further acted upon—

Your Committee beg leave further to report, that respect to the recommendation of the Congress of the U. S. & to our Sister States would seem to require of the House that they should during the present Session take up and finally dispose of the Resolution by adopting or rejecting it, and that in their opinion it ought to be rejected

The Constitution of the U. S. has already provided “That no Title of Nobility shall be granted by the U. S. And no person holding any office of profit or Trust under them shall, without the Consent of Congress accept of any present,



emolument office or Title of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince or Foreign State—Congress have in more instances than one within the knowledge of your Committee exercised the power vested in them by the above provision, and refused permission to Individuals in high public offices to accept of presents offered by Foreign Powers, nor are they aware of any inconveniences which have arisen and required further provisions on this Subject to be ingrafted in the Constitution of the U S. At all events & should they be mistaken in this respect, the Committee are of opinion that the amendment proposed & submitted to their consideration is not the proper remedy; and that under its provisions, & the terms in which it is worded, consequences might follow & evils accrue as well to innocent Citizens individually as to the Community at large, which were neither foreseen nor contemplated by the Framers of the Resolution.

Under these impressions your Committee recommend that the House reject the aforesaid resolution & adopt the following resolutions to that effect “Resolved by the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of S<sup>o</sup> C<sup>a</sup> that they deem it inexpedient to adopt & therefore reject on the part and in behalf of the State of S<sup>o</sup> Carolina the Resolution submitted to them & passed by the Congress of the U. S. on the — day of      in the following words (to wit) “Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several states, which when ratified by the Legislatures of Three fourths of the States shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the U. S. “If any Citizen of the U. S. shall accept claim receive or retain any



Title of Nobility or Honor; or shall without the consent of Congress accept and retain any present, pension Office or emolument of any kind whatever from any Emperor, King, Prince or Foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a Citizen of the U. S. and shall be incapable of holding any Office of Trust or profit under them or either of them"—

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward Copies of the above resolution rejecting on the part of and in behalf of the State of S<sup>c</sup> C<sup>a</sup> the amendment proposed by the Congress of the U. S. & passed on the day of                      to the President of the Senate & the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U. S. and to each and all of the Governors of the several States"

BENJAMIN HUGER Chairman

Whereupon

Ordered, that the report be taken into consideration on Thursday next—

I Certify the foregoing to be a true Extract from the Journal of the House of Representatives

Attest—

RICHARD GANTT

Clerk of the House of Representatives

of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina

[INDORSEMENT.]

Rec<sup>d</sup> in Governor Alston's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1814.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Providence Sept 21. 1814.

Sir;

I have the honour to transmit to you enclosed, a copy of the Resolution passed by the General Assembly of this State on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, relative to the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States—

I have the Honour to be sir;

Very respectfully your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> JANES

Governor of said State,

Honble. James Munro

Secretary of the U. States,

[ADDRESS.]

[Postmark:] Providence R. I. Sept 23

Free

Hon'ble James Monroe

Secretary of the U. States

Washington

[INDORSEMENT.]

Dep<sup>t</sup> of State

Rhode Island rejects 13<sup>th</sup> Art. of Amdts to Const<sup>n</sup> of U. S.

State of Rhode Island  
& Providence Plantations }

In General Assembly

September, 15<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of the



United States, proposed at the Second Session of the Eleventh Congress, in the following words, viz. "If any Citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument, of any kind whatever, from any Emperor, King, Prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them," be and the same is hereby disapproved of—

A true Copy.

Witness SAMUEL EDDY Secry.



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Public 7, Resolution.

Thirty-Sixth

Congress of the United States,

At the Second Session

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

in the District of Columbia

on Monday the third day of December one thousand eight  
hundred and sixty.

Joint Resolution to amend the Constitution of the United  
States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the following article be proposed to the legislatures  
of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of  
the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of  
said legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes,  
as part of the said Constitution, viz:

Article XIII. No amendment shall be made to the Con-  
stitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power  
to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic



institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor  
or service by the laws of said State.

WM PENNINGTON

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN C BRECKINRIDGE

Vice President of the United States,  
& President of the Senate.

Approved March 2. 1861.

JAMES BUCHANAN

[INDORSEMENT.]

I certify that this Joint Resolution originated in the House  
of Representatives.

Attest.

J. W. FORNEY

Clerk.



State of Illinois,

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Springfield, March 22, 1862.

Hon. William H. Seward  
Secretary of State  
Washington D. C.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir:

I have the honor to transmit you herewith an authenticated copy of an Ordinance passed by the Constitutional Convention of the State of Illinois, February 14, 1862, ratifying the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (Article 13,) on the part of the State of Illinois.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Ser<sup>t</sup>,

W<sup>m</sup> M. SPRINGER,

Secretary of the Convention.

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Be it ordained by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the Constitutional Convention:

That the following article proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by a joint resolution of the Congress of the United States, approved March 2, 1861, to wit:

Article Thirteen:

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution, which will authorize or give "to Congress, the power to abolish, or



interfere, within any state, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State,"—be and the same is hereby ratified.

State of Illinois,  
Constitutional Convention.

I, William A. Hacker, President of the Convention, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of An Ordinance, adopted by the Convention, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1862, as appears from the official record,

Witness my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D.  
1862.

WM A. HACKER  
President of the Convention.

Attest: W<sup>M</sup> M. SPRINGER, Secretary.



Thirty-Eighth Congress of the United States of America ;

At the—Second—Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington, on Monday, the  
fifth—day of December, one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty-four.

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#### A RESOLUTION

Submitting to the legislatures of the several States a propo-  
sition to amend the Constitution of the United States.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,  
(two-thirds of both houses concurring), That the following  
article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States  
as an amendment to the constitution of the United States,  
which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures,  
shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of  
the said Constitution, namely: Article XIII. Section 1.  
Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a  
punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been  
duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or  
any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section. 2. Con-



gress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

SCHUYLER COLFAX

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

H. HAMLIN

Vice President of the United States.

and President of the Senate.

Approved, February 1. 1865.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

[INDORSEMENT.]

I certify that this Resolution did originate in the Senate

J. W. FORNEY

Secretary